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| In re the Application of: MEINDERT W. BRIEKO Serial No.: 10/005,816 Filed: December 7, 2001 For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING A FIRST OBJECT TO A SECOND OBJECT WHICH HAS A PARTLY OPEN STRUCTURE | Art Unit: 1725 Examiner: J. Johnson |
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AMENDMENT

Box: Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

No extension of time or other fees are believed to be due, except as detailed in the attached documents. However, any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

Amendments to the Claims: reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks: begin on page 5 of this paper.

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)Applicant(s): **MEINDERT W. BRIEKO**

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1725Invention: **METHOD FOR CONNECTING A FIRST OBJECT TO SECOND OBJECT WHICH HAS A PARTLY OPEN STRUCTURE**

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TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 13 - | 20 = | 0 x | \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 1 - | 3 = | 0 x | \$84.00 | \$0.00 |
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